

Diagnostic and Quality Assurance section where he served as Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge (NCOIC). In 1988, SrA Temple was promoted to the rank of Buck Sergeant and transferred to Cosimo Air Station, Italy, on the island of Sicily. While at Cosimo, Sgt Temple served as NCOIC of the Base Operation Support, DQ&A section for the 487th Tactical Missile Maintenance Squadron. As part of his duties Sgt Temple directly supported the maintenance of Ground Launch Inter-Continental Ballistic Cruise Missile (GLCM), Launch Control Center (LCC), and Transporter Erector Launcher (TEL) equipment. During this assignment Sgt Temple was promoted to SSgt. In January of 1990 he was reassigned to the Air Training Command, Vehicle Maintenance Technical Training Center, Chanute AFB, Illinois. During this assignment SSgt Temple served as an Instructor, General Purpose Vehicle Maintenance Section and taught the GP Vehicle Maintenance Apprentice Course, Advanced Air Conditioning Course, and the Advanced Vehicle Diagnostic Test Equipment Course. While still at Chanute SSgt Temple attended the Airmen Leadership School and upon graduation was awarded the John Levitow award for leadership.

In 1993, due to Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) decisions, SSgt Temple moved along with the vehicle maintenance schoolhouse to Lackland AFB, Texas where he assumed the role of Instructor Supervisor for the GP VM section and continued teaching the new 20-day Advanced Diagnostic Test Equipment and Electrical Systems Course which he co-authored with SSgt Andreas Grom. In 1996 SSgt Temple was promoted to Technical Sergeant, this promotion also coincided with another big swing of the BRAC hammer and the schoolhouse shifted again to a new location. Now a veteran of Schoolhouse moves, TSgt Temple was to move again to the newly designated Port Hueneme Schoolhouse in Port Hueneme, California. TSgt Temple now was positioned as a Course Supervisor for the GP section and was qualified to teach six of eight courses to include two Mobile Training Team Courses. These two courses generated 32 Temporary Duty Assignments that sent TSgt Temple throughout the globe. After 5 years at Port Hueneme TSgt Temple was promoted to Master Sergeant. And along with the promotion came the accompanying orders. This time the assignment was to Kunsan AB Republic of Korea, where now MSgt Temple served as Superintendent, Readiness and Evaluations. His duties included Squadron Exercise Evaluation Team Chief, Flight Self-Inspection program manager, and First Sergeant. In June of 2002 MSgt Temple finished with and was reassigned back to Det1 345 TRS, Port Hueneme, CA. After his return he served as the new Vehicle and Equipment Course Supervisor and since mid-2004 is currently serving as Air Force Superintendent, Inter-service Vehicle Mechanic School.

I commend and thank MSgt Dean Temple for his leadership and dedication. He is truly a role model and deserves the many awards and commendations that he has received. I wish him a relaxing and happy retirement.

TRIBUTE TO MS. ELAINE  
HARRINGTON

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2005*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call your attention to the life and work of an outstanding individual who I feel fortunate to call my friend, Ms. Elaine C. Harrington. She was recognized on Saturday, November 5, 2005, for her years of unwavering dedication and service as a Professor to the Passaic County Community College.

After 33 years of committed service to the Passaic County Community College (PCCC), Professor Elaine Harrington retired from the College on July 1, 2005. Her tenure at PCCC is a remarkable story of one person's belief in the power of education and its transforming effect on the lives of others. It is only fitting that Elaine Harrington be honored for her commitment to improving the quality of life in Paterson and Passaic County through education in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

Arriving at PCCC in 1972, at the earliest stages of the College's existence, Professor Harrington shared her many talents generously. She began by teaching the Music Appreciation course and Cultural Field Surveys. She later began teaching courses in Mathematics, English, Public Speaking and African American Literature. She worked closely with the College's most disadvantaged students, nurturing them from the lowest levels of developmental education to the heights of academic achievement.

While at the College, Professor Harrington was tireless in her pursuit of making PCCC a beacon of educational excellence. She served as President of the Academic Council and the Faculty Association, and Association secretary for more than a decade. For two years, she served as Acting Dean of Student Affairs. She provided leadership to numerous college committees such as Commencement, Convocation, Instructional Resources, Policies and Procedures, Retention and Accreditation. She rarely missed a Board of Trustees' meeting and became one of the PCCC Foundation's most staunch advocates, earning her the Foundation's "Distinguished Service Award" in 2000.

Professor Harrington's accomplishments on campus were rivaled only by her important work in the community. As Past President of both the Paterson Branch of the NAACP and the New Jersey State Conference of NAACP Branches, she strongly advocated for improved economic, educational, social, and political opportunities for disenfranchised persons. In her role as State President, she provided leadership to 38 NAACP branches and 20 youth units. Based on the quality and the breadth of the programming that occurred under her watch, the NAACP recognized New Jersey as the number one State Conference in all of Region II. In 1999, Professor Harrington became a member of the National Board of Directors of the NAACP. In addition to her work with NAACP, she has faithfully served organizations such as Concerned Parents for Head Start, Inc., the Paterson YWCA, and the Paterson Board of Education. She is a charter member of the Christ Church United Methodist.

Born in Philadelphia, PA and raised in Tuskegee, Alabama, Professor Harrington was an honors graduate of Tuskegee Institute High School, earned her B.S. degree in Elementary Education from Tuskegee Institute (University), and later her M.A. degree in Education, Supervision, and Administration from the University of Connecticut, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude. She received certification in Developmental Education from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and is listed in "Who's Who Among African Americans". Upon her retirement, Professor Harrington has returned home to Tuskegee, Alabama.

Mr. Speaker, the job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the efforts of devoted educators and public servants like Ms. Elaine Harrington. I ask that you join our colleagues, the faculty and students of Passaic County Community College, Ms. Harrington's family and friends, and me in recognizing Elaine Harrington for her years of outstanding service to the students of Passaic County.

CONGRATULATING LYNDON  
LAPLANTE

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2005*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Lyndon LaPlante of Keller, TX, on his dedication and outstanding athletic achievement at the Keller v. Richland high school football game on October 7, 2005.

Mr. LaPlante is an 18-year-old Keller High School senior, who has played on the Keller football team for 4 years. He has attended every practice, summer camp, team meeting and football game since he was a freshman. On October 7, 2005, Mr. LaPlante played in his first football game against Richland High School. At this inaugural game, Mr. LaPlante, who has Down syndrome, brought a home crowd of more than 4,000 to its feet as he ran 99 yards for a Keller touchdown. Mr. LaPlante was also named football player of the week and gave a speech at Keller High School's football pep rally.

Prior to his recent game success, Mr. LaPlante participated on the Keller football team by acting as assistant head coach and running plays with the team in pre-game warm-ups. He also took photographs at every game, which were set to music and shown at the end of every year. On Friday mornings, Mr. LaPlante joins his football teammates to mentor and read stories to elementary school students. He talks to children and signs autographs at Florence Elementary School, which he attended.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Mr. Lyndon LaPlante for his commendable achievements on and off the Keller High School football field. His dedication to his team, to his school, and to his community serves as an inspiration to all.